

REMARKS

Claims 23-68 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - Double Patenting

Claims 23-68 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,941.

Applicant respectfully submits that the double patenting rejection is overcome by the presently-submitted Terminal Disclaimer.

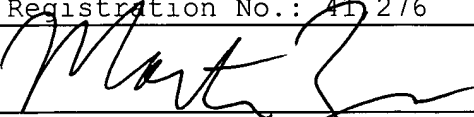
Information Disclosure Statement

On February 13, 2004, just prior to issuance of the Office Action, Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review and make of record the Information Disclosure Statement and identified references.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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